

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, January 23, 1877, with transcript

Letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his Mother. Boston, Mass., January 23, 1877.

Dear Mama:

What is the matter with Lily? I am sorry to hear of Papa's being unwell too. My foot is well now but weak — I am just beginning to hobble about out of doors. I sent you papers containing notices of late experiments. I hear that my lecture before the Philosophical Society in Washington has been noticed in the papers. I have not yet received a copy but expect it every day. I am to give a public lecture in Salem upon Telephony and I expect to show great results. It is intended to obtain the use of a telegraph line from Boston to Salem and operate my instruments from my room in Exeter Place — the results to be audible to the audience in Salem sixteen miles away. I shall take care to invite the Press to superintend operations at both ends so as to have it well reported — and I think that the result will be that I shall have invitations to repeat the lecture and experiments elsewhere — to my own pecuniary profit.

With much love, Your loving son, Alec. Mrs. A. Melville Bell, Brantford, Ontario.